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The Press and Freedom

"The only security for all is a free press. The force of public opinion cannot be resisted when permitted freely to be expressed."

So wrote Thomas Jefferson in a letter to LaFayette in 1823.

"The agitation it produces must be submitted to. It is necessary to keep the water pure," he added.

On this first day on the 25th annual National Newspaper Week it is well to contemplate the full significance of this year's slogan, "Newspapers make a big difference in people's lives."

Among the greater contributions of America's free press is the role played in preserving our freedoms. Freedom of the press is a keystone of the broad guarantees to U.S. citizens that the right of free expression may not be limited by the fear of government reprisal.

The right to speak freely would have little practical effect without the freedom to print freely. Even in this day of electronic journalism, the newspaper remains the one medium devoted exclusively to dispensing of information, the one medium unfettered by the need for government approval and licensing.

Government functionaries, both elected and appointed, often take upon themselves the role of circumscribing the matters they feel are in the public domain. This paternalistic "we know what's good for you" attitude stretches from the alderman of the smallest village to the loftiest spires of government.

Newspapers have consistently contended that ALL functions of government are in the public domain, and large and small, they have been key factors in the check-balance system of our free society.

"Newspapers make a big difference in people's lives," this year's slogan reminds us.

In the United States, it's the difference between freedom and subjugation.

IT'S NEWS TO ME by Herb Caen

I've Got News For You, Sir

PEOPLE WHO SAY "I've got news for you" never have.

Passengers in buses look like prisoners on their way to jail.

When you watch the lions at feeding time in the Zoo, you think of the Christians in early Rome.

The first time a policeman calls you "Sir," you know you're getting old.

Why do people say "Not to change the subject" just before they do?

Society types will always turn out en masse for a "farewell party" at an institution that might have survived if they'd patronized it earlier.

Ladies who wear wigs can't wait to talk about it; men who wear toupees would rather discuss anything else.

PEOPLE WHO SAY "I'm lousy at telling jokes" always proceed to prove it.

If you want a restaurant steak medium rare, order it rare; otherwise it will arrive well done, a contradiction in terms.

The only excuse for saying "Things were better in the old days" is that they probably were.

The only thing everybody has in common is that none of us has ever been questioned by a political or TV poll-taker.

More indignant people will phone a newspaper office to report an American Flag flying upside down than will complain about excesses committed in the name of that Flag.

Some girls who look at you sexily are merely near-sighted.

YOU'VE REACHED the age of no return when, no matter how early you go to bed or how late you sleep, you never wake up feeling the way you did 20 years ago.

People who say "I don't know anything about art, but I know what I like" have terrible pictures on their walls.

It's a good 5-1 bet that when the menu says "Cottage cheese and fresh fruit," the fruit will be canned.

A husband seen in a bar with a girl not his wife will always try to explain how they happened to be there.

Catnip to city editors: a boy at the bottom of an abandoned well.

The same guy who hollers "Balk" at baseball games and "Interference" at football games whispers "Foot fault" at tennis matches and "He didn't keep his eye on the ball" at golf tournaments.

IT'S THE VOLUME: The average weekend supermarket shopper, reports Insider's Newsletter (confirmed by Safeway), spends 29 minutes in the store and buys 49 items adding up to \$18.40—on which the supermarket makes a grand net profit of 22 cents. In other words, if you tip a kid a quarter to carry the bags to your car he's doing better than the market.



HERE AND THERE by Royce Brier

De Gaulle Mission Aims At New Power for France

Two centuries since, London and Paris were deadly rivals in the exploitation of the North America. London wisely chose land, Paris unwisely chose furs.

London won after some desultory warfare, but in a few years it had to get out, too, leaving most of the North American riches to the obnoxious colonists. Another few decades, and the Spanish were driven out of the hemisphere.

Thus ended any major European influence in the Americas, though the Europeans kept looking westward, hoping for a break which never came. Then the Yankee colossus slowly arose, and twice intervened in European death struggles. So the colossus emerged as the leader of the Western world, but this could not endure forever, either.

This is oversimplified background for President de Gaulle's four-week tour of South America, where he is making over 50 speeches. M. de Gaulle is a rebel against American transatlantic influence, and his words may seem blunt at times.

He has been somberly angry about the whole matter for 20 years, since the Americans and British invaded Hitler's Europe and didn't let de Gaulle in on it. They said they didn't trust the Free French outfit. Maybe.

In any case, all this does not mean that de Gaulle, difficult as he may be, is necessarily filled with wrong ideas. On the contrary he has many sensible ideas, even though some may look obstructionist from a biased American or British viewpoint.

M. de Gaulle's main idea is to restore the glory and power of France, and to make it the leader of Western European thought and political action. The first he freely admits, but the second he advances more subtly. He must, because some Europeans, such as the Germans and Italians, don't trust de Gaulle. But he understands the European mind when his ambitions don't stand in the light, and his mission may fare well.

Some time ago he visited

BOOKS by William Hogan

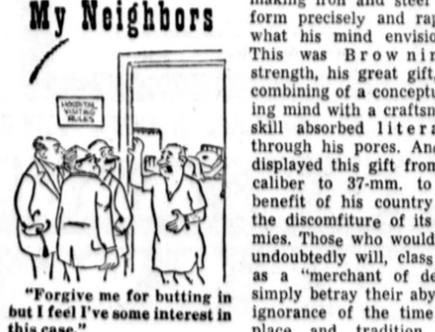
Story of Famed Firearms Inventor Related by Son

Duly certificated by his own combat record in that most accomplished fighting force, the United States Marine Corps, none other than "Chesty" Puller has dubbed the Browning Automatic Rifle, the immortal BAR, the finest infantry weapon yet produced. The story of how this fearsome piece of firepower came to be is but one of the incidents related in the story of the inventor "John M. Browning: American Gunmaker."

The story of John M. Browning, "the greatest firearms inventor the world has ever known," is told by his late eldest son, John Browning, and Curt Gentry

of San Francisco. One suspects that Gentry is responsible for the strong, smooth, narrative flow that marks this work, and for the skillful selection of personal anecdotes that illuminate the man who was pre-eminent in his field. It was a field in which the great names of Winchester, Colt and Remington owed their very existence at various times to the magnificent tinkerer from Ogden, Utah.

It is a strength of this book that Browning's status as a tinkerer—an honorable American tradition—becomes plain—a tinkerer consumed with a passion for making iron and steel perform precisely and rapidly what his mind envisioned. This was Browning's strength, his great gift, the combining of a conceptualizing mind with a craftsman's skill absorbed literally through his pores. And he displayed this gift from .22 caliber to 37-mm. to the benefit of his country and the discomfiture of its enemies. Those who would and undoubtedly will, class him as a "merchant of death" simply betray their abysmal ignorance of the time and place and tradition that



TRAVEL by Stan Delaplane

Southern Spain Warmest During Europe's Winter

"We will spend some time in Europe and would like advice on a place to spend the winter..."

Better get as far south as you can. Europe has a cold that cuts right through you in the winter. And while many countries say everything is centrally heated, this just isn't so. The ski resorts and Scandinavian countries are equipped to heat their houses but not the others.

I've also found that heat (when you find it) is regulated to 60 degrees or even less. The only warm place I ever found in Europe is down on the southern coast of Spain. Say around Malaga. South of Portugal should be warm too. And there are new hotels there.

"How would you handle money on an extended stay? Traveler's checks?"

In England, I opened a pound account with a London branch of Bank of America. When I was moving around, I bought dollar travelers checks from them.

"What would be the cheapest country to use as a base?"

Spain, Ireland or Austria. Spain is warmest. In Ireland you don't have a language problem. Austria has the best food of the three.

"Should we buy foreign currency in the U.S. before we go?"

No point in it. Exchange is just as good there as here. Change at banks or money changers, though. Hotels take a slice. And over a long haul, this can be quite a bit.

"We are both healthy. Can we work in foreign countries?"

Requires an awful lot of red tape and usually you can't. Most countries follow a rule: the employer must prove you are so expert that he cannot find a local citizen to do the job. It's not impossible. But I wouldn't count on it.

"If we travel, what is the cheapest way?"

Bus is cheapest. But if you are moving a lot, you might get the Eurailpass. You must buy it through a travel agent here. For a little over \$100 you get on any train in Europe anywhere, anytime and have thousands of miles of transportation. More than you can use.

"What are the most expensive things we will have to buy and how can we avoid paying too much?"

American cigarettes will cost 50 cents in most countries (except Spain where they will be 35). Seventy cents in England, \$1 in Greece. Go local or quit smoking. If you have your own car, gasoline will run 60 to 80 cents a gallon. But the little European cars don't use much. Tissues like Kleenex are high.

Quote

"The love of adventure, the lure of the unknown, are not only for the young but for all mankind... mental condition."—Frank The Fountain of Youth is a lyn Cism, Afton (N.Y.) Enterprise.

"The old-fashioned woman of today is one who tries to make one husband last a lifetime."—William Zeigler, New Oxford (Pa.) Item.

"A person will kill himself quicker by overeating than by overworking... but he'll have a better time doing it."—Olin Miller, Rolling Fork (Miss.) Deer Creek Pilot.

"He who hesitates is lost—except bachelors."—Lee Call, Afton (Wyo.) Star Valley Independent.

Opportunity knocks not once, but a hundred times a day! It just isn't recognized. — Isabel F. Byrne, Oakland.

"Should we buy our clothing here or in Europe?"

Cheaper in Europe but you may not like the cut.

"Best place to buy women's shoes?"

Italy. Spain is cheaper but they go to pieces in a couple of months.

"Will we have trouble with languages? Or is it true everybody speaks English?"

Everybody speaks English—in England. In other countries, you'd better learn. About 50 words really carries you through. That's not hard to do.

"We have heard that youth hostels are the best

places to stay. How young must you be?"

They're the most inexpensive. About \$1 a night. Any age is OK. Join through American Youth Hostel in New York. You must carry your own sheets. Take a double sheet and sew it like a mummy sleeping bag. I should say that friends of mine have found the youth hostel guests just a little too youthful for company.

"We've heard that a number of cheap ballpoint pens make good gifts."

Used to be. But Europe is loaded with them now. You might try some small, tricky kitchen gadgets. They don't seem to have all of those that we have. Mickey Mouse balloons are very high with kids.

Our Man Hoppe

Good Breeding Will Save GOP

By Arthur Hoppe

Everybody's worried these days about the survival of our two-party system. You can hardly pick up a learned political journal without stumbling across an article entitled, "Whither the GOP?" Which is just what it seems to be doing.

Naturally, every expert has a theory to explain the growing preponderance of Democrats on our national scene. These include reaction to Goldwater extremists, urban sprawl, the high tariff policies of Mr. William Howard Taft and elm blight.

Maybe so. But if you ask me, the only expert who's seen right through to the heart of the problem is Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, the eminent Republican and staunch Goldwater supporter. The reason Republicans are becoming more and more outnumbered, she gloomily told an audience of her fellow party members, is "because we are being greatly outbred by the Democrats."

Mrs. Luce is absolutely right. A moment's thought will confirm it. Due to numerous factors, Democrats inevitably tend to multiply far more swiftly than Republicans.

First of all, Democrats are poorer and thus tend to purchase more double beds. Being poorer, they also have less money to budget for outside entertainment such as Bal Masques and the like and therefore have more idle time on their hands in the evenings.

Moreover, studies show Republicans have migrated to the suburbs in droves. So that a Republican gentleman, after a long and tiring day at the office, must fight his way through an hour's heavy traffic before he is in the arms of his loved one and it's a wonder there are any Republicans left at all.

But these are merely contributory factors. Essentially the problem, let us face it, is breeding. And while generalizations are dangerous, I think it is safe to say that Republicans, on the whole, are more well bred than Democrats. And being well bred, of course, they don't breed as well.

This trend becomes clear at an early age. Compare a typical young Republican lady and a typical young Democratic girl. The typical young Republican lady, as we all know, wishes to be properly introduced, dances at arm's length, chats about music, art and Bryn Mawr fashions and engages in soul-searching debate on the propriety of a good night kiss after the third date. As for Democratic girls they are, undeniably, more democratic.

So Mrs. Luce is absolutely right. Now then, what are we who believe in the two-party system going to do about it?

Because of the gravity of the problem, I'm sure, some will call for massive Government technical assistance, including subsidies and vast refraining programs. But I say that's not the Republican way. Nor can more private measures, such as more private Young Republican cocktail parties, alone meet the need. No, in our hour of crisis we must turn to that quality which made this country great—individual initiative.

And now if you'll excuse me, I've got to go put on my black tie, cuff links and pomade. Our American way of life is at stake, baby.

Morning Report:

Just about everybody thought the Warren Commission did a good job except TASS, the Russian news agency. It should be excused for carping. They feel they've had more experience with assassinations.

Also, in a way, the Khrushchev explanation of why so many leaders died under Stalin was more convincing. He ordered them killed. But over here nobody in charge wanted Mr. Kennedy shot. It just happened—without an over-all plan and therefore without a meaningful explanation by Chief Justice Warren.

In a regimented society even death needs a lot of plans. TASS reporters just can't handle a mad accident.

Abe Mellinkoff